

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-50 (canceled)

1 Claim 51 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing
2 products in a mold, said products comprising a first and
3 second mass comprising natural polymers, wherein said
4 products are manufactured by bringing masses into or through
5 a mold which are heated within said mold, such that this
6 involves at least cross-linkage of the natural polymers,
7 while of at least one first part of the product, the
8 material composition is influenced such that the material
9 properties of the relevant first part deviate from the
10 material properties of parts adjoining said part, wherein as
11 masses at least a first mass (M1) and a second mass (M2) are
12 used the first mass (M1) differs in composition from the
13 second mass (M2) prior to introduction into or through said
14 mold and wherein the at least one first part of the product
15 is formed from said second mass (M2) and at least one part
16 adjoining the relevant first part is formed of said first
17 mass (M1).

1 Claim 52 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least one of said at least one first
3 part in the mold is formed such that a relatively high
4 concentration of softener is obtained and/or maintained
5 herein, such that the flexibility of the relevant at least

6 one front part is greater than the flexibility of parts
7 adjoining said part.

1 Claim 53 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the second mass is selected from the group
3 consisting of masses of relatively much softener and/or
4 softener retaining components compared to said first
5 mass (M1) such that after the manufacture of the product, so
6 much softener or softener of such nature remains behind in
7 the relevant first part that the pliability thereof is
8 greater than the pliability of wall parts of parts adjoining
9 said part made of said second mass.

1 Claim 54 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the second mass is selected from the group
3 of masses consisting of relatively little softener or
4 softener retaining components compared to said first
5 mass (M1), such that after the manufacture of the product,
6 such small amount of softener or softener of such mature
7 remains behind in the relevant first part that the
8 brittleness of at least a part thereof is greater than that
9 of wall parts adjoining said part made of said first
10 mass (M1).

1 Claim 55 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first and second masses are selected
3 from the groups of masses consisting of different types
4 and/or amounts of fibers, the second mass being selected
5 such that after the manufacture of the product, a
6 concentration and/or orientation of fibers is obtained
7 and/or type of fibers is included in the relevant first part

8 which deviates from the concentration, orientation and/or
9 nature of any fibers present in other parts.

1 Claim 56 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first and second masses are selected
3 from groups of masses consisting of different types and/or
4 amounts of blowing agents and/or fillers, the second mass
5 being selected so that at least during the manufacture of
6 the product, a concentration of and/or type of blowing agent
7 and/or filler is obtained in the relevant first part which
8 deviates from that in other parts of the product, to obtain
9 a product in which, in the relevant first part, a structure
10 is realized whose density deviates from the density of other
11 parts of the product.

1 Claim 57 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first and second masses are selected
3 from groups of masses consisting of different types and/or
4 amounts of colorants, wherein the second mass is selected so
5 that in the relevant first part, a concentration of and/or a
6 type of colorant is obtained which deviates from that in
7 other parts of the product, to obtain a product in which the
8 relevant first part has a color deviating from that of other
9 parts of the product.

1 Claim 58 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first and second masses are selected
3 from groups of masses consisting of different types and/or
4 concentrations of cross-linkers, wherein the second mass is
5 selected so that at least during the manufacture of the
6 product, a concentration of and/or a type of cross-linkers
7 is obtained in the relevant first part, a concentration of

8 and/or a type of cross-linkers is obtained which deviates
9 from that in other parts of the product, to obtain a product
10 in which the relevant first part has a structure whose
11 density deviates from the density of other parts of the
12 product.

1 Claim 59 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the second mass is introduced between two
3 flows of first mass.

1 Claim 60 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the second mass is introduced into a mold
3 in a zone forming the relevant first part while the first
4 mass is introduced into a number of zones forming parts
5 adjoining said first zone, such that in the closed mold, the
6 first mass and the second mass are forced against each other
7 and interconnected.

1 Claim 61 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first and second mass in the mold are
3 interconnected prior to or at least at the start of the
4 occurrence of cross-linkage of the natural polymers.

1 Claim 62 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51,
2 wherein the first mass and the second mass are introduced
3 into the mold out of phase, while ~~preferably~~ the
4 introduction of the second mass is started prior to the
5 introduction of the first mass.

1 Claim 63 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the first mass in the mold is subjected to
3 a first pressure and the second mass in the mold is

4 subjected to a second pressure, the first pressure deviating
5 from the second pressure.

1 Claim 64 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51,
2 wherein the or each mass is introduced into the mold under a
3 pressure higher than atmospheric, ~~preferably~~ through
4 injection molding.

1 Claim 65 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least three different masses are used
3 for the manufacture of the product.

1 Claim 66 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least the at least one first part,
3 after formation in the mold, is processed such that the
4 material properties of said relevant first part, are changed,
5 at least relative to parts adjoining said part.

1 Claim 67 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least a portion of the at least one
3 first part, a first coating is applied, said coating
4 comprising at least a component active with the relevant
5 first mass, such that between the relative active component
6 and the mass, there is obtained a reaction whereby the
7 material properties of the relevant first part are
8 influenced.

1 Claim 68 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 67, wherein at least the parts adjoining the first
3 part are covered prior to the application of the first
4 coating.

1 Claim 69 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 68, wherein at parts adjoining the first part are at
3 least partially covered by a second coating, substantially
4 impermeable to said reactive component of the first coating,
5 such that the first part is at least partially kept clear of
6 the second coating.

1 Claim 70 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 69, wherein a second coating is used having a high
3 hardness relative to the first coating, a relatively low
4 permeability and high resistance to at least said reactive
5 component.

1 Claim 71 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 69, wherein the first coating is applied over the
3 second coating.

1 Claim 72 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 67, wherein as first coating, a water based coating is
3 used.

1 Claim 73 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 67, wherein as first coating, a relatively flexible
3 elastic coating is used.

1 Claim 74 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 67, wherein as first coating, a coating is selected
3 from the group consisting of acrylic binders, lattices,
4 styrene-butadiene latex, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl
5 acetate, polyacrylates, polyethylene glycol, polylactic acid,
6 synthetic polymers, natural polymers, natural waxes,

7 synthetic waxes (for instance polyethylene waxes) or
8 derivatives thereof or combinations of the preceding.

1 Claim 75 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 69, wherein as second coating, a coating is used
3 comprising a number of constituents from the group
4 consisting of: melamine, acrylic binders, water resistant
5 lacquers (for instance cellulose lacquer), cellulose acetate
6 propianates, polyethylene, polyacrylates, synthetic polymers,
7 natural polymers, synthetic waxes, natural waxes, polyactic
8 acid, derivatives thereof or combinations of the preceding.

1 Claim 76 (currently amended): A method according to claim 74,
2 wherein cross-linkers are incorporated into the first and/or
3 second coating, ~~in particular~~ selected from the group
4 consisting of zirconium acetate, ammonium zirconium
5 carbonate, urea formaldehyde, melamine formaldehyde, glyoxal,
6 polyamideamine-epichlorohydrin, epoxides, trimetaphosphate,
7 derivatives thereof or combinations of the preceding.

1 Claim 77 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 74, wherein in the first coating, at least one of the
3 waxes is combined with at least one of the said other
4 constituents.

1 Claim 78 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 74, wherein the first, respectively second coating is
3 formed almost entirely from one of said constituents.

1 Claim 79 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51,
2 wherein the first part is designed as a hinge part 6 having

3 at least one recess, ~~in particular~~ at least one groove
4 extending over the width of the hinge part.

1 Claim 80 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein into the first part, after cross-linking
3 of the natural polymers, a softener is introduced.

1 Claim 81 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein a reactive component is incorporated into
3 the first part, outside the mold, while said reactive
4 component is at least substantially prevented from flowing
5 away to the other parts.

1 Claim 82 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 81, wherein as reactive component, at least a fatty,
3 oily or waxy ingredient is used.

1 Claim 83 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein the softener is selected from the group
3 consisting of water, polyols, glycol, glycerol, glycerin,
4 polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, propylene glycol,
5 sorbitol, glucose derivatives thereof or combinations of
6 preceding softeners.

1 Claim 84 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least during a portion of the
3 cross-linking of the natural polymers, the first part is at
4 least partially compressed.

1 Claim 85 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51,
2 wherein in or on at least the first part, an active
3 component is provided for adjusting the surface tension of

4 at least said first part of the product with cross-linked
5 natural fibers, ~~in-particular~~ for increasing the surface
6 tension.

1 Claim 86 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein to at least a part of the product, a
3 coating is applied whose surface tension is approximately
4 equal to or lower than the surface tension of the product
5 part to which the coating is applied.

1 Claim 87 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51,
2 wherein a coating is applied to the product, said coating
3 comprising cross-linkers for the mass, ~~in-particular~~ natural
4 polymers incorporated therein.

1 Claim 88 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 51, wherein at least two coatings are applied at least
3 partially one over the other, at least one of the coatings
4 comprising an active component capable of reacting with the
5 at least one other coating.

1 Claim 89 (previously presented): A method according to
2 claim 88, wherein as active component, at least
3 cross-linkers are used.

1 Claim 90 (currently amended): A method according to claim 67,
2 wherein the product is gripped at the first part, such that
3 it is covered at least substantially completely, after which
4 the second coating is applied to other parts ~~in-particular~~
5 sprayed thereon, after which the first part is released and,
6 after that, the second coating is applied, ~~in-particular~~ by
7 being sprayed thereon.